

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 002023
ORIGIN OES-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 CG-00 DOTE-00 L-03 /021 R

DRAFTED BY OES/OFA/FA:JCPRICE:MAF

APPROVED BY OES/OFA/FA:DJYELLMAN

L/OES - M. HOINKES

USCG - A. BLANTON

ARA/CAR - R. SUBER

-----076077 051654Z /47

P 051555Z JAN 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 002023

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, TD

SUBJECT: REGISTRY STATUS FOR M/V MT. VERNON

1. ON DECEMBER 30 COAST GUARD SEIZED M/V DONNA PETRA 60 MILES S.E. OF MIAMI FOR DRUG VIOLATION. CLAIM OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY WAS NOT CONFIRMED UPON BOARDING AND INSPECTION AND DONNA PETRA WAS SEIZED AS STATELESS VESSEL. SUBSEQUENTLY, EVIDENCE WAS FOUND THAT FORMER NAME OF VESSEL WAS MT. VERNON, REGISTERED IN THE US OUT OF HOUSTON.

2. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT IN SEPTEMBER, 1977 US MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) HAD AUTHORIZED SALE OF M/V MT. VERNON TO ONE JOHN A. LANCER, A CITIZEN OF TRINIDAD, AND A TRANSFER TO TRINIDADIAN FLAG AND REGISTRY.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE TRINIDADIAN OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT ACTUAL
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 002023

TRANSFER TO TRINIDADIAN FLAG AND REGISTRY WAS EFFECTED AFTER SEPTEMBER AUTHORIZATION FROM MARAD. IF SUCH A TRANSFER WAS NOT CONSUMMATED, M/V MT. VERNON WOULD REMAIN US VESSEL. IN ADDITION, EVIDENCE EXISTS OF ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER VESSEL TO THIRD COUNTRY OWNERSHIP. IF MARAD AUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO TRINIDAD WAS NOT CONSUMMATED, EFFORT TO TRANSFER VESSEL TO A THIRD COUNTRY WOULD ITSELF BE VIOLATION OF US LAW,

WARRANTING SEIZURE AND FORFITURE OF VESSEL. CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SHIP REGISTRY, SHIP DETENTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 jan 1978
Decapton Date: 01 jan 1960
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE002023
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JCPRICE:MAF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780008-0864
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780196/aaaadcrf.tel
Line Count: 63
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 28cb8be6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3823275
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REGISTRY STATUS FOR M/V MT. VERNON
TAGS: SNAR, TD
To: PORT OF SPAIN
Type: TE
vdkgvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/28cb8be6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014